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For: METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC RETRIEVAL OF ENGINEERING DATA FROM INSTALLATIONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the original specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the original claims with the following new claims:

1. (Amended) A method for the automatic retrieval of engineering data from an automation system with a multiplicity of individual automation objects for the restoration of

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